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Applic. No. : 09/351,608 Group No. : 1771  
Filed : July 12, 1999 Examiner : Alexis Wachtel  
For : Process for Producing a Floor Covering, Floor Covering and Plant for  
Carrying Out the Process

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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02 FC:117

740.00 OP  
920.00 OP

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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    - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 simultaneously filed herewith.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
  - ☐ New arguments
  - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
  - ☐ Other:



# **FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Large entity

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Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$740.00

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## **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col.1)                          |       | (Col.2)                         | (Col.3)       | Small Entity    |          |    | Large Entity    |          |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|----|-----------------|----------|
|   | Claims remaining after amendment |       | Highest No. previously paid for | Present Extra | Rate            | Add. Fee | Or | Rate            | Add. Fee |
| Total   | 8                                | Minus |                                 |               | x\$9=           | \$       |    | x\$18=          | \$       |
| Indep.  | 1                                | Minus |                                 |               | x\$42=          | \$       |    | x\$84=          | \$       |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims |                                  |       |                                 |               | +\$140=         | \$       |    | +\$280=         |          |
|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Total Addit.Fee |          | Or | Total Addit.Fee |          |

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

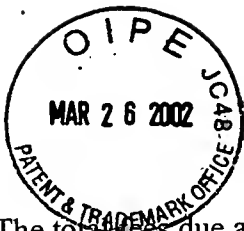
## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

|                                     |                        |                        |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension three months | Large Entity \$ 920.00 | Small Entity \$ 460.00 |
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Fee: \$ 920.00



### TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

|                                     |   |            |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))             | \$740.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$920.00   |
|                                     | Total Fees Due                                    | \$1,660.00 |

### PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$1,660.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

☒ Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

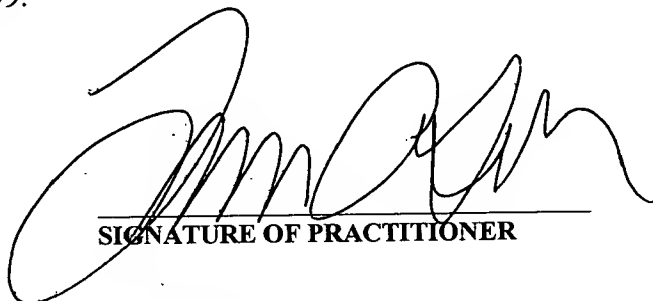
☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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